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### Votes to Ballot on New \$2 Million Local School Bond in March Election

### Transportation Fair to Employ 11,000 Persons

Construction work for a World Transportation Fair which will bring an estimated three million visitors to Torrance and provide employment for upwards of 11,000 persons will get underway October 1 at Western avenue and 190th street. It was announced this week by Ira W. Curry, nationally known trade showman and managing director of the fair.

The fair will run for 94 days from June 2 to September 3, 1951.

The 236-acre fair site, part of the Dominguez Estate, will be converted into a huge exposition city covering an area equivalent to 108 square city blocks where hundreds of exhibits and

lavish spectacles will graphically depict world development in transportation from the earliest days, against a brilliant background of colorful midways and entertainment acts, specialty

Curry said. Theme of the fair, for which the slogan "If It Rolls, Floats, or Takes to the Air, You'll See It At the World Transportation Fair" has been adopted, will be carried out in a "Cavalcade of Transportation" spectacle to be presented on the world's largest outdoor stage with facilities for launching rocket planes and capable of accommodating trains, automobiles, buses, boats, and other forms of transportation traveling at high rates of speed.

Exhibitors of all forms of transportation are being urged to contrast new models with those of ancient vintage as a special feature of the fair. Cash prizes will be awarded for the oldest authentic model in each form of transportation with separate classifications for domestic and foreign makes.

A special invitation has been issued to foreign countries to form an International Settlement as one of the major attractions of the fair. It is proposed that each of more than twenty nations erect cafes and stores typical of their respective countries, and presenting native floor shows, foods, and handicrafts.

Exhibits of each classification of transportation will likewise be given their own colorful individual treatment. In the section for automobiles, for instance, a special proving ground will be constructed. For trailers, a model trailer city will be constructed. Other major classifications will include airplanes, buses, trains, boats, trucks, bicycles and motorcycles, gasoline and oil suppliers, and road-building equipment.

Transportation accessories will be housed in two mammoth exposition buildings each encompassing 80,000 square feet of exhibit space.

Nor have the purely entertainment aspects of the fair been overlooked. In addition to the "Cavalcade of Transportation" (Continued on Page 2)

### Bond Necessary To Avert Double Sessions, Claim

After hearing a simple 81-word recommendation from the superintendent of schools, the Torrance Board of Education voted Tuesday night to place a \$2,000,000 school bond issue on the ballot of March 21.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. J. Henrich Hull's recommendation for the bond issue was based on a highly-praised survey recently completed by Dr. Irving Melbo, professor of Educational Administration at the University of Southern California. Dr. Melbo's detailed report indicated the board must either call for and gain passage of a one-million dollar bond issue for both the High School and Elementary District or force local children into double sessions.

Dr. Hull's recommendation to the board read: "In view of the findings of the district survey and the need for prompt action for school housing, it is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the presentation, to the voters on March 21, 1950, of a \$1,000,000 bond issue in the elementary district and \$1,000,000 bond issue in the high school district, to run for a period of 21 years with payments beginning at the end of the second year; said payments to be \$50,000 annually on each issue.

The board concurred unanimously with a 4-0 vote. Judge John A. Shidler was not present. R. I. Plomer, chairman of the Torrance Industries Tax Committee, said that he had spoken with a number of local industrial representatives who expressed their willingness to support a sound and constructive program which was designed to (Continued on Page 2)

### Meeting Slated To Study Fire Chief Successor

A special meeting of the Civil Service Commission to consider a successor to Fire Chief John E. McMaster will be called "as soon as possible" City Manager George Stevens said this week.

McMaster who served as chief of the Torrance Fire Department for the past 14 years died of a heart attack in his home last Wednesday night.

Succeeding him as temporary chief pending the outcome of a civil service examination is Captain J. R. Winters, senior captain of five on the local department.

### Clouds and Haze Today

So said the weatherman last night as he predicted Torrance's weather menu for today as: Considerable fog and low cloudiness with the possibility of some hazy sunshine during the mid-day hours; little change in temperature.



**NEW HIGH . . .** Their increasing enrollment in Torrance schools hesitated thick only long enough for a photographer to record the registration of the 4000th student entering Torrance Schools. Pictured with Principal Robert Morton of the Perry Elementary School, is LeRoy Thompson, 10-year-old fifth grader who lives at 18529 Roslin street in North Torrance. This is the largest number ever to be enrolled in Torrance schools.—ald Photo.

### Enrollment in Local Schools Tops 4000 Mark

Somewhat of a milestone was passed in Torrance Schools this week.

Ten-year-old LeRoy Thompson Jr., a fifth grader at Perry Elementary School, became the 4000th student to register in the local school system.

When the enrollment here reached the 4000 mark there was no pause, no wait as by yesterday the figure had reached the 4010 mark.

According to attendance figures from the office of J. J. Henrich Hull, superintendent of schools, the 4000 mark represents a jump in the enrollment of local schools since January of 1949 of 28 per cent. A year ago there were 3126 students enrolled in the district's seven schools.

For comparison here are enrollment figures at the various schools for January 1949 and January 1950.

Fern Avenue	1949	450
Perry	457	56
Seaside	293	35
Torrance	856	32
Walteria	353	39
Jr. High	474	27
High School	693	87

"Consisted of seventh and eighth grade last year. This year, the last for a Junior High in the school system, consists only of the eighth grade.

### Child Suffers Burns

Six-year-old Jerry Wright, 1730 Falda avenue, is recovering from facial burns he received Monday when he attempted to light the kitchen oven. He was rushed to Harbor General Hospital for treatment.

### Four Youths Cited for Speed-fest

Three local youths and one from Redondo Beach will appear in Judge Otto Willett's court this afternoon to answer charges of racing their autos on a public thoroughfare and failing to recognize a boulevard stop.

According to reports submitted by Torrance police, Richard Capellino, 19, of 17222 Hawthorne boulevard and George L. Ecker, 16, of Redondo Beach were caught speeding on Redondo Beach boulevard near Hawthorne boulevard last week. Also implicated were Calvin Stegall, 18, of 17222 Hawthorne boulevard and Arthur J. Wagner, 19, of 18421 Buria avenue. Both were passengers in the Capellino car.

All, with the exception of Ecker, have pleaded not guilty in preliminary hearings. Ecker will receive his first hearing today and will probably be bound over to juvenile authorities, police stated.



**FAIR LADY . . .** Publicity men for the World Transportation Fair, an event expected to attract three million visitors here next year, says that Jacee Waldron exhibits three means of getting to the fair. Her thumb is one way, they say, while the other two means of locomotion are evident—and streamlined, too!

### Store 'Tidwelled' by 10 Pickets

#### LATEST RETAIL STRIFE OVER CONTRACT DEMAND

Placard-bearing pickets ordered out by Haskell Tidwell, secretary of the San Pedro Retail Clerk's Union, paraded 10-fold in front of a local men's store this week in an attempt to force the owner, Ed Schwartz and his sons, to sign a contract with the union.

The contract, in which Schwartz claimed he had no chance to negotiate, would have recognized Tidwell's union as the bargaining agent of the employees of Schwartz Men's Store.

The sole regular employee of the store is 69-year-old M. P. Woffler, former J. C. Penney's Department Store clerk.

Schwartz, who has operated the store at 1505 Cabrillo avenue for more than a quarter of a century, is currently conducting the store's first sale in 24 years.

With Schwartz in the management of the store are his two sons, John and Robert.

The pioneer businessman said he was phoned by Tidwell Monday afternoon.

"Have you made up your mind to sign the contract?" Tidwell

was reported to have asked. "Frankly, Mr. Tidwell, we have been so busy with our sale I haven't had time to thoroughly study the contract," Schwartz said he told Tidwell.

"Well, we'll be busy around your place tomorrow morning," the clerk's union secretary is said to have remarked.

Twenty minutes later, according to Schwartz, his store was hit by a ten-man picket line. Schwartz reported that a short time after the pickets appeared he was approached by a man who said he represented Tidwell.

"How about sitting down and discussing this to see if we can't get rid of those (the pickets)," he was reported as saying. Schwartz told the representative he had already made clear his stand on the matter of the contract.



**CAMERA SHY . . .** Haskell Tidwell, secretary of the San Pedro Clerk's Union, (left) storms away from news photographer after kicking camera case into street last Monday afternoon. Incident occurred while Herald cameraman attempted to photograph 10 pickets parading in front of Ed Schwartz Men's Store, 1505 Cabrillo avenue. —Herald photo.

### Hearing Slated For Trio Nabbed In Burglary Bid

A crowded itinerary of misadventure, which started with the theft of a car here on January 10, ended this week when two Harbor area youths were placed in the local lockup and another released on \$1000 bail pending hearing this afternoon in the court of City Judge Otto B. Willett.

Arrested Sunday while attempting burglary at an El Segundo filling station were Charles W. Christmann, 18, and Stanley H. Hurd, 20, both of Hermosa Beach, and Dale Lee Patten, 18, of Redondo Beach.

According to police reports, the trio admitted stealing a car which belongs to Walteria fire station who lives at 24248 Neeces avenue; using the auto in the pillaging of telephone booths in this area, and driving it across the border to Mexico. The group were in the car at the time of their arrest, officers stated.

Oldest of the trio, Hurd has a prison record. Tomorrow's preliminary hearing starts at 2 p.m.